OTCnet 2.2 Release Notes

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OTCnet 2.2 Release Overview

OTCnet Release 2.2 will provide support aligned withupdated versions of Microsoft product offerings, enhanced security features for OTCnet Offline, and remove low usage reports from the application. The sections below detail the specific changes that have been implemented to OTCnet Online and OTCnet Offline.

Operating System and Internet Explorer Support

As a result of Microsoft's decision to cease support for certain Operating Systems and Internet Explorer versions that are compatible with OTCnet, beginning in Release 2.2, OTCnet will no longer be operable with Windows XP and Windows Vista. This transition will also impact Internet Explorer (IE) versions 7, 8, and 9 which will no longer be supported with OTCnet.

Windows 7, as well as IE 10 and 11 will be supported by OTCnet. Users will need to remove browsing in IE compatibility mode to navigate the application after Release 2.2.

OTCnet will support the following in Release 2.2:
- Windows 7 – Internet Explorer 10, 11

Beginning June 11, OTCnet will only support Windows 7 at this time. Currently we are working towards full compatibility of Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.

User Actions for IE Support Changes

To prepare for upcoming Internet Explorer (IE) support changes, users will need to remove browsing in compatibility mode and clear the IE browser cache. Users that do not follow the steps listed below will **not be able to experience functionality in OTCnet** once Release 2.2 is implemented. Steps for completing these actions is listed below:

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Click the **Tools** button ⚙, and then click **Compatibility View settings**
3. Under **Websites you've added to Compatibility View,** click **treas.gov**, and click **Remove**
4. Click **Close**
5. Close Internet Explorer

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Click the **Tools** button ⚙, and then click **Internet Options**
3. Under Browsing History on the General tab, click **Delete**
4. Ensure the **Temporary Internet Files and website files** option is checked
5. Click **Delete**
6. Close Internet Explorer

An additional user action is to enable TLS 1.2 for use with OTCnet Online. To do so, reference the following instructions:

1. Click the **Internet Explorer** icon to open the web-browser
2. Click **Tools** and click **Internet Options.** The *Internet Options* dialog box appears
3. Click the **Advanced tab,** and scroll to *Security* until **Use TLS 1.2** appears. Click **Use TLS 1.2**
4. Click **Apply** and then click **OK** to enable the new setting

Application Security Updates

The OTCnet Offline application will include changes to its use of security certificates. Offline users will not be directly impacted by this change and performance in accessing the Offline application will be improved.

In addition, the Rules of Behavior regarding Fiscal Service's facilities, data, equipment, IT systems, and access credentials has been updated for internal and external users accessing the OTCnet Online and Offline application. Users can reference this information within the Rules of Behavior section of the application.

Hardware Support

RDM EC7000 and Panini Scanners

In Release 2.2, OTCnet will continue support of the current RDM EC7000 and Panini scanner hardware options. Firmware specs for all hardware can be found in the System Requirements Guide.

Ingenico i3050 Keypad

The Ingenico i3050 keypad hardware option in OTCnet will only be compatible with Windows 7 at this time.

Other Application Changes

In Release 2.2, OTCnet removed low usage reports from display. Listed below are reports that will no longer be available to users:

- FRB Deposit Activity Report
- FRB Adjustment Activity Report
- OTC Endpoint Check Cashing Policy Report
- OTC Verification Groups Report

Information contained in the OTC Endpoint Check Cashing Policy Report and in the OTC Verification Groups Report is availbale within the application by selecting **Administration** tab>**Manage Organization**>**View**.